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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6722

BILL NUMBER: SB 388

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 25, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Apr 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Election Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller Pete

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Smaltz

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Voting Absentee-* The bill provides that a voter casting, or waiting in line to cast, an early vote absentee ballot in person at: (1) a location of an office of the circuit court clerk designated by the circuit court clerk; (2) the office of a board of elections and registration; or (3) a satellite office; when the hour for closing the location or office, or the deadline for voting, occurs, shall be permitted to vote unless otherwise prevented according to law. The bill provides that an individual designated by the circuit court clerk at an early voting location shall: (1) determine the end of the line of voters who are waiting to vote at the time the hour for closing an early voting location occurs; and (2) use one of the following methods to identify the voters in the line who may vote unless otherwise prevented according to law: (A) writing down the name of each voter; (B) stamping each voter's hand; or (C) standing, or designating another individual to stand, immediately behind the last voter who may vote.

Study Committee Topic- The bill urges the Legislative Council to assign to the Census Data Advisory Committee (CDAC) the study of the election day voting process, including ways to ensure that every voter in line at the hour for closing the polls, and only those voters, may vote.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Study Committee Topic-* If the Legislative Council were to assign CDAC with the above topic, it is likely the CDAC would be able to study the specified topic within the normal business meetings scheduled for the Committee during the 2013 legislative interim.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Voting Absentee*- The bill could potentially lengthen the workday of election officials within the county clerk's office or a satellite facility during the days in-person absentee ballot voting is allowed.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County clerk's offices, board of elections and registration.

Information Sources:

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